

Pension Application for Valentine Wilson

W.18418 (Widow: Amy) Valentine died July 1833.

State of New York

Sullivan County SS

On this tenth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Sullivan now sitting Valentine Wilson a resident of the Town of Fallsburgh in the County of Sullivan & State of New York aged seventy eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he was born in 1754 at Kakiat in Rockland County & State of New York and had no record thereof.

That on or about the 5th of August 1778 he enlisted as a volunteer in the company of Militia of which Joseph Benedict was Captain, Gould Broughten first lieutenant & Samuel Sacket 2nd Lieutenant as Ensign, in Colonel Joseph Holmes Regiments, enlisted at Salem in Westchester County, State of New York where he then lived for 5 months.

A few weeks after enlisting was marched to Peekskill, and there embarked on a vessel & sent to Albany, staid only a day or two there & then marched to Lake George. Then went to Fort Ticonderoga remained about a week. The troops were then ordered to Canada. Embarked on the lake & went up to fort St. Johns—the British then held the fort—the troops were engaged in besieging it—remained here about 40n days—General Wooster commanded the Americans General Schuyler was also there—the fort was taken at last towards fall of the year. Part of deponents company was then sent to Laprairie—he remained as one of the garrison at Ticonderoga until about Christmas.

His time was not out but as he was not well he was discharged received a discharge from Colonel VanSchaick. He then returned home. His discharge has long been lost.

On or about the first of July 1776 deponent again enlisted in the militia Regiment of Colonel Thomas Thomas, at Salem in Westchester County. Captain Nathaniel Delavan's Company. Samuel Lawrence & John C. Miller lieutenants—General George Clinton brigade. Enlisted for 6 months as a volunteer—was stationed at and about Kingsbridge—built barracks there—went to fort Washington on York Island the British came & there was a battle between Fort Washington & Kingsbridge, deponent was engaged in it. Gen Washington was there. Then retreated over Kingsbridge & returned to the barracks—remained there some time. Then marched to White Plains, there was a battle there, deponent & his company were engaged in it about September. Then marched to Peekskill & staid there till the day before his time was out. Then went with Colonel Thomas troops to White Plains staid there a few days & was dismissed. Received no written discharge was dismissed in January 1777.

Next fall he entered as a volunteer under Captain Lockwood for 3 months—no particular regiment, served s guards on the frontier of the County of Westchester served out his three months—that service & orders then came to raise more troops, deponent joined Major Hull corps, as a volunteer, was stationed a guard over the stores near White Plains. The stores were then removed to Peekskill, deponent went as guard & staid till he was discharged, being only one month from his entering.

Deponent was afterward occasionally out on different alarms in Westchester for one, two & three weeks at a time, but is unable to state particularly the different times, as these alarms were very frequent & the deponent being a young man & b no parents turned out on almost all occasions & believes that these different times not particularly herein specified would together amount to at least six months actual service. He does not know of any particular person now living who can state as to these latter service—nor nay documentary evidence of any part of his service.

He now resides in Fallsburgh Sullivan County where he has lived ever since the war of Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except present, & declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Valentine Wilson

Sworn & Subscribed the day and Year aforesaid. Jesse M. Foster.

Letter in folder dated April 9, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.18418, it appears that Valentine Wilson was born in 1754 at Kakiat, Rockland County, New York.

While residing at Salem, Westchester County, New York, he enlisted and served in the New York Troops, as follows—

From August 5, 1775, nearly five months as corporal in Captain Joseph Benedict's Company, Colonel Holmes' Regiment, and was at the Siege of St. Johns.

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In the fall of 1777, three months in Captain Lockwood's company; and later one month under Major Hull.

He was out on several alarms, of one, two and three weeks each, amounting to about six months, no officers stated.

Pension was allowed on his application executed October 10, 1832, while a resident of Fallsburgh, Sullivan County, New York. He died July 4, 1833 in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Soldier married February 17, 1779 at Lewisborough, Westchester County, New York, May Steenrod. She died May 30, 1844 in Monroe, Wyoming County< Pennsylvania, and the pension due her, was allowed the following children—Elizabeth

Bake, raged sixty-three years in 1845 and living at South East, Putnam County, New York; John Wilson, living in Sullivan County, New York; and Edward Wilson, living in Sullivan County, New York.

Grand-children in 1849—Samuel D. Wilson, aged thirty-three years; and Dorcas Carpenter, aged thirty-two years.

There is no further data on file as to family.